

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:)
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David Chelchowski)
Geoffrey Puckett)
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FOR: **COUPLING DEVICE FOR**)
 POLYMERIC PIPES)
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Attorney Docket No: **LP-02-003**)

COMBINED DECLARATION AND
POWER OF ATTORNEY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

- original
- design
- supplemental
- national stage of PCT
- divisional
- continuation
- continuation-in-part

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

COUPLING DEVICE FOR POLYMERIC PIPES

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which:

- (a) XX is attached hereto.
- (b) — was filed on _____
Application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____
- (c) — was described and claimed in PCT International Application No.
_____ filed on _____ and
as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS
AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information

XXX which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

XXX and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and

— In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §119)

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT International application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by us on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

- (d) XXX no such applications have been filed.
(e) such applications have been filed as follows.

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S)
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120**

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States applications or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

**PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS
DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC §120:**

<u>PCT APPLICATIONS</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>STATUS (Patented/Pending/Abandoned)</u>
PCT/AU01/01665	21 December 2001	Pending

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

Australia Application No. PR2231, filed December 21, 2000

**35 USC §119 PRIORITY CLAIM, IF ANY, FOR ABOVE LISTED
U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS**

Above Application No. Details of Foreign Application From Which Priority Claimed Under 35 USC §119

Not Applicable

POWER OF ATTORNEY

We hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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— Attached as part of this declaration and power of attorney is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representatives

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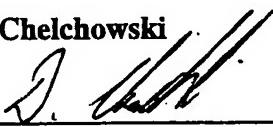
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DECLARATION

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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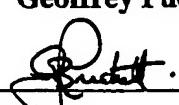
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